come to fetch you to church.

*Hero.* Help to dreſſe me good coze, good Meg, good Vrſula.

*Enter Leonato, and the Conſtable, and the Headborough.*

*Leonato* What would you with me, honeſt neighbour?

*Conſt. Dog.* Mary ſir I would haue ſome confidence with you, that decernes you nearely.

*Leonato* Briefe I pray you, for you ſee it is a buſie time with me.

*Conſt. Dog.* Mary this it is ſir.

*Headb.* Yes in truth it is ſir.

*Leonato* What is it my good friends?

*Con. Do.* Goodman Verges ſir ſpeaks a little of the matter, an old man ſir, and his wittes are not ſo blunt, as God helpe I would deſire they were, but infaith honeſt, as the skin between his browes.

*Head.* Yes I thank God, I am as honeſt as any man liuing, that is an old man, and no honeſter then I.

*Conſt. Dog.* Compariſons are odorous, palabras, neighbour Verges.

*Leonato* Neighbors, you are tedious.

*Conſt. Dog.* It pleaſes your worſhip to ſay ſo, but we are the poore Dukes officers, but truly for mine owne part, if I were as tedious as a King I could find in my heart to beſtow it all of your worſhip.

*Leonato* All thy tediouſneſſe on me, ah?

*Conſt. Dog.* Yea, and 't twere a thouſand pound more than tis, for I heare as good exclamation on your worſhippe as of any man in the citie, and though I be but a poore man, I am glad to heare it.

*Head.* And ſo am I.

*Leonato* I would faine know what you haue to ſay.

*Head.* Mary ſir our watch to night, excepting your w ſhips preſence, ha tane a couple of as arrant knaues as any in Meſſina.

*Conſt. Dog.* A good old man ſir, he will be talking as they ſay, when the age is in, the wit is out, God help vs, it is a world





to ſee: well ſaid yfaith neighbour Verges, well, God's a good man, and two men ride of a horſe, one muſt ride behind, an honeſt ſoule yfaith ſir, by my troth he is, as euer broke bread, but God is to be worſhipt, all men are not alike, alas good neighbour.

*Leonato* Indeed neighbour he comes too ſhort of you.

*Conſt. Do.* Gifts that God giues.

*Leonato* I muſt leaue you.

*Conſt. Dog.* One word ſir, our watch ſir haue indeede comprehended two aſpitious perſons, and wee woulde haue them this morning examined before your worſhip.

*Leonato* Take their examination your ſelfe, and bring it me, I am now in great haſte, as it may appeare vnto you.

*Conſtable* It ſhall be ſuffigance. (*exit*

*Leonato* Drinke ſome wine ere you goe: fare you well.

*Meſſenger* My lord, they ſtay for you, to giue your daughter to her husband.

*Leon.* Ile wait vpon them, I am ready.

*Dogb.* Go good partner, goe get you to Francis Sea-cole, bid him bring his penne and inckehorne to the Gaole: we are now to examination theſe men.

*Verges* And we muſt do it wiſely.

*Dogbery* We will ſpare for no witte I warrant you: heeres that ſhall driue ſome of them to a noncome, only get the learned writer to ſet downe our excommunication, and meet me at the Iaile.

*Enter Prince, Baſtard, Leonato, Frier, Claudio, Benedicke, Hero, and Beatrice.*

*Leonato* Come Frier Francis be briefe, onely to the plaine forme of marriage, and you ſhall recount their particular duties afterwards.

*Fran.* You come hither, my lord, to marry this lady.

*Claudio* No.

*Leo.* To bee married to her: Frier, you come to marry her.

*Frier* Lady, you come hither to be married to this counte.

*Hero* I do.

*Frier* If either of you know any inward impediment why